

EOPS PROGRAMS DIVISION NEWSLETTER

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Announcements

Secretary James P. Jajuga is pleased to announce Phase III of the **Electronic Fingerprinting Systems Project**. A total of \$275,000 was allocated for the purchase of live-scan fingerprinting devices for the communities of Barnstable, Chicopee, Framingham, Salisbury, Somerville, and Worcester. This is a continuation of an effort to improve criminal identification and public safety which, to date, has allocated more than \$1,000,000 for electronic fingerprinting equipment. Funding for software upgrades is also available for police departments that have live-scan devices that are not compatible with the Massachusetts Electronic Fingerprinting Transmission Specification. For additional information contact Diana Brensilber at 617-727-6300, ext 25325 or diana.brensilber@state.ma.us.

SafeLink (1-877-785-2020), Massachusetts' statewide domestic violence hotline operated by Casa Myrna Vazquez, Inc. in Boston requests help from the public safety community. They would appreciate each police department, district attorney's office or other agencies or departments that receives this newsletter to list SafeLink as a resource on its web site. By adding SafeLink <http://www.casamyrna.org/programs/safelink.html> to your web page you can help victims and service providers obtain emergency domestic violence information. You can copy and paste information from the SafeLink web page into your site. If you link to the SafeLink page or list SafeLink information on your site, please contact Debra Robin at Casa Myrna Vazquez at 617-521-0133 or e-mail at drobbin@CASAMYRNA.org.

"Steroids: The Hard Truth" A special on anabolic steroid abuse among young people will air on "In the Mix" a popular television show for teens (airing on PBS stations, **February 16, 2002, to February 23, 2002**, check local listings). This program addresses the growing use of anabolic steroids by girls as well as boys. It features interviews with teens on sports and self-image; and provides insights from ex-users and experts who reveal the dangers and misconceptions about steroids.

National Youth Leadership Conference Applications are now being accepted for young leaders with disabilities, ages 16 - 24, to participate in the 2002 National Youth Leadership Network Conference. The **deadline for applications is February 28, 2002**. The Conference will be held in Washington, DC from July 26 - 29, 2002. Conference goals are to help prepare the next generation of disability community leaders and to develop recommendations for improving policies and services for young people with disabilities in the United States. This year's conference will focus on employment and career development. Approximately 70 young leaders will be chosen to participate. <http://www.nyln.org>

"Helping Traumatized Children Learn" In this workshop participants will learn about the latest research on trauma, and will be guided through a "roadmap" on how to address the educational needs of children suffering its effects. The workshop will be held **March 9, 2002**, at the Center for Special Education, Lesley University. For additional information contact Susan Kando at: 617-349-8260 or skando@mail.lesley.edu

"Grants and Grantwriting for Schools and Police" This session will offer participants a review (or refresher) of the skills needed to write grants, including some useful "tricks of the trade." In addition, participants will have the opportunity to hear from two of the largest grant administering agencies in the state for schools and police departments - the Department of Education, Safe and Drug Free Schools Program, and the Executive Office of Public Safety. It will be held on Tuesday, **March 12, 2002**, at Alumnae Hall, Regis College, Weston, MA, from 7:45 AM - 1:30 PM. To register please call 617-666-8311, e-mail: register@projectalliance.org or register online at www.projectalliance.org.

Victim Rights Conference 2002 will be held **Tuesday, April 16, 2002**, 8:00am - 4:00pm at the Park Plaza Hotel, Boston, MA. Keynote speaker is Nancy Venable Raine, author of the book *After Silence: Rape and My Journey Back*. For additional information contact the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance at 617-727-5200.

Funding Opportunities

From the State Government

The Executive Office of Public Safety (EOPS) Programs Division is making the federal Fiscal Year 2002 **Title V delinquency prevention non-binding Notice of Intent** (NOI) available for download at <http://www.state.ma.us/ccj/update.htm>. Title V funds support delinquency prevention and early intervention programs for communities, provided that the applicant community is in compliance with the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPa) core requirements.

Applicants must be a unit of local government and are required to complete and submit the non-binding NOI to EOPS no later than **5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 22, 2002**. The NOI may be delivered, faxed, or mailed. Once the completed NOI is received, and the potential applicant's compliance with the JJDPa is confirmed, complete application instructions and a certificate

of compliance will be forwarded to the contact person listed on the NOI. Please do not call requesting your status of compliance with the JJDPA.

If you have any questions regarding the Title V funding process, please contact James Houghton, Juvenile Justice Specialist, at jim.houghton@eps.state.ma.us or (617) 727-6300 x25355.

From the Federal Government

The **Federal Bulletproof Vest Partnership** 2002 application submission period *opened* on **Monday, January 14, 2002**, with a scheduled *closing* date of **Saturday, April 13, 2002**. Through this program, eligible law enforcement agencies may apply for a reimbursement of up to 50% of the cost of a bulletproof vest that is certified by the National Institute of Justice and is a threat level I, II, IIA, III, IIIA, or IV. The U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance is administering this program. For further information or to apply, please access the Bulletproof Partnership Program web site at <http://vests.ojp.gov>.

Please note: The State Bulletproof Vest Reimbursement Program provides for 50 percent reimbursement for the cost of bulletproof vests purchased on or after July 1, 2000. This program is intended to provide matching funds to local police departments that **have applied** or **will apply** for reimbursement under the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Federal Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 1998.

"Data Resources Program 2002 Solicitation: Funding for the Analysis of Existing Data"

<http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/sl000503.pdf> National Institute of Justice requests proposals to conduct original research using data from the National Archive of Criminal Justice Data. Topic areas include: sentencing, adjudication, corrections, violence against women and family violence, drugs and crime, violence, including examination of the correlates of violent criminal behavior; and policing.

Application Deadline: February 25, 2002. (Revised Due Date)

Eligibility Requirements: Researchers from all disciplines who are interested in basic research, and/or addressing topical criminal justice practice or policy concerns through the exploration and analysis of archived data are encouraged to apply.

Maximum Award Amount: \$35,000 for 24 months

"Violence Against Women Investigator-Initiated Research and Evaluation" <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/vaw.pdf>

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) is soliciting proposals for research and evaluation on violence against women. NIJ has identified a number of subject areas in need of further research. These include: civil justice systems, stalking, co-occurrence of intimate partner violence and child maltreatment, theory integration and development, dating violence among adolescents, and program and policy evaluation.

Application Deadline: Letter of Intent was due January 28, 2002; Application due February 25, 2002.

Eligibility Requirements: NIJ encourages researchers from all disciplines to explore opportunities for collaborative efforts, and partnerships between researchers and practitioners are encouraged.

Maximum Award Amount: NIJ anticipates awarding up to \$1,200,000 and up to 4 grants.

"Training Grants to Stop Abuse and Sexual Assault Against Older Individuals or Individuals with Disabilities"

<http://www.ojp.usdoj/fundopps.htm> This funding is intended to support training programs to assist law enforcement officers, prosecutors, and relevant officers of Federal, State, tribal and local courts in recognizing, addressing, investigating, and prosecuting instances of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation and violence against individuals with disabilities, including domestic violence and sexual assault, against older or disabled individuals.

Application Deadline: Letter of Intent due March 5, 2002; GMS Registration Deadline: March 14, 2002; Application Deadline: March 28, 2002

Eligibility Requirements: Eligible applicants are: States; Tribes; units of local government; nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations; state or local government agencies (i.e., prosecutors' offices, sheriffs' offices, courts); private, nonprofit victim advocacy organizations; public or private nonprofit service organizations for older individuals or for individuals with disabilities; national criminal justice constituency organizations; or judicial organizations.

Maximum Award Amount: For Fiscal Year 2002, Congress allocated \$5,000,000 for the Training Grants to Stop Abuse and Sexual Assault Against Older Individuals or Individuals with Disabilities.

"Technology Opportunities Program (TOP)" <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/top/whatsnew/whatsnew.htm#TOP2002>

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration announces funding for the TOP program. Funding priorities entail extending new technologies and the deployment of high-speed networks to underserved communities, through matching grants to state, local, and tribal governments and non-profit entities that demonstrate innovative uses of digital network technologies. TOP projects address specific challenges and realize opportunities for change in such areas as lifelong learning, community and economic development, government and public services, safety, health, culture, and the arts.

Application Deadline: March 21, 2002

Eligibility Requirements: All non-profit entities and state, local, and tribal governments are eligible to apply.

Maximum Award Amount: TOP expects the awards to range from \$200,000 to \$750,000.

"Juvenile Mentoring Program (JUMP)" <http://ojdp.ncjrs.org/grants/jump2002.pdf>

JUMP supports one-to-one mentoring projects for youth at risk of failing in school, dropping out of school, or becoming involved in delinquent acts, including gang activity and substance abuse. JUMP grantees are required to participate in an ongoing national evaluation that is examining the effects of mentoring on school attendance, academic performance, and delinquent behavior. They will be provided the necessary tools to submit information to the evaluators quarterly.

Application Deadline: March 25, 2002

Eligibility Requirements: partnerships between local education agencies and public agencies, public/private organizations (including faith-based organizations), or tribal nations that can demonstrate a knowledge of or experience with mentoring programs, volunteers, and at-risk youth.

Maximum Award Amount: \$220,000 is available for each award for a 3-year budget and project period.

"FY 2002 Drug-Free Communities Support Program" <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org/grants/dfcspapplication.pdf>

This program, administered by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) has two major goals: (1) Reduce substance abuse among youth and, over time, among adults by addressing the factors in the community that serve to increase the risk of substance abuse and the factors that serve to minimize that risk; and (2) Establish and strengthen collaboration among communities; Federal, State, and tribal governments; and private nonprofit agencies to support the efforts of community coalitions to prevent and reduce substance abuse among youth. Prior to application submission, the applicant must submit a letter of intent to apply for this grant to the Alcohol and Drug State Authority to enhance intergovernmental collaboration.

Application Deadline: April 24, 2002

Eligibility Requirements: The coalition must have the reduction of substance abuse among youth as a principle mission. The coalition must demonstrate that it has been established, and that its members have worked together, for a period of not less than 6 months prior to application submission. The coalition must represent the targeted community and include at least one representative of each of the following groups: youth; parents; business community; media; schools; youth-serving organizations; law enforcement agencies; religious or fraternal organizations; civic and volunteer groups; healthcare professionals; State, local, or tribal governmental agencies with an expertise in the field of substance abuse; and other organizations involved in reducing substance abuse.

Maximum Award Amount: Approximately 70 grants of up to \$100,000 for the initial 12-month budget period will be made available in FY 2002.

"The Serious and Violent Offender Reentry Initiative: Going Home " <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/reentry/solicitation.pdf>

The goal of this initiative is to build on innovative ideas that reduce the recidivism of offenders returning to their communities from correctional facilities. While the initiative encompasses adult and juvenile high-risk offenders, applicants are encouraged to focus on juveniles and young adults. The main eligible age range in the juvenile category is 14 to 17 years. However, for those States in which juvenile court jurisdiction or supervision of juvenile serious, high-risk violent offenders extends beyond the age of 18 (to 21 to 24 in some States), applicants may include these individuals in their proposals.

Application Deadline: May 15, 2002

Eligibility Requirements: State and local units of government that represent a partnership between institutional and community corrections agencies. For juveniles, the partnership must include the State juvenile department of corrections and a local agency involved in the provision of services and/or supervision of juveniles returning from correctional facilities.

Number of Awards Made: The goal of the initiative is to fund at least one program in each State and territory.

Maximum Award Amount: Each site would receive approximately \$500,000 to \$2,000,000.

Grant Period: Three years

From Private Foundations

The Milagro Foundation <http://www.milagrofoundation.org>

The Foundation focuses on programs that help children live healthy lives through education and prevention, live literate lives through learning, and live culturally enriched lives through arts education. Interested nonprofits should first write a letter of inquiry.

Application Deadline: Open

Eligibility Requirements: Nonprofits.

Maximum Award Amounts: Typical grants range from \$2,500 - \$10,000

Research and Statistics

"Understanding the Prevalence and Characteristics of Bias Crime in Massachusetts High Schools"

This study, commissioned by the *Governor's Task Force on Hate Crimes* and conducted by the Northeastern University Center for Criminal Justice Research surveyed students from 30 **Massachusetts** public high schools April - June 2000. The hate crime victimization rate ranged from 4% to 22% across the participating schools. For those students who experienced crime victimization, 60% told a friend, 29% told family members, 16% told school officials, and 3.5% reported the incident to the police. Thirty percent (30%) informed no one. <http://www.mass.gov/eops/Publications/victimization.htm>

"Dangerous Liaisons: Substance Abuse and Sexual Behavior" Overall, 29% of 15- to 17-year-olds and 37% of those aged 18 to 24 said alcohol or other drug use influenced their decision to engage in sexual behavior. In addition, 25% of 15- to 17-year-olds and 31% of those 18 to 24 said they have "done more" sexually than they planned because they were drinking or using drugs. <http://www.kff.org/content/2002/20020207a/>

"The Economic Costs of Drug Abuse in the United States, 1992-1998" This report details the economic damage illicit drugs inflict on the American economy. The report shows that drugs took \$143 billion from the U.S. economy in 1998 and projects a loss of over \$160 billion for 2000. The majority of costs (69%) are from lost productivity due to drug-related incarceration, illness, death, and work hours missed by crime victims. Other costs include health care (9%) and criminal justice/social welfare costs (22%). http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/publications/pdf/economic_costs98.pdf

"National League of Cities Curfew Survey" Among the 800 cities surveyed with nighttime curfews, 56% reported drops in

violent crime and 55% reported a drop in gang activities after one year of their curfews' implementation.

http://www.nlc.org/nlc_org/site/newsroom/nations_cities_weekly/display.cfm?id=D6A830ED-6993-41DF-BF104CA163497132

"Survey of DNA Crime Laboratories, 2001" This report presents findings from a survey of publicly operated forensic crime labs that perform Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) testing. Forty-five percent of laboratories reported contracting a private laboratory to do forensic DNA testing in 2000. At the beginning of 2001, 81% of DNA crime laboratories had backlogs totaling 16,081 subject cases and 265,329 convicted offender samples. <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/sdnacl01.htm>

Resources

"BU MBA Link Day" The Public and Nonprofit Management Club at the Boston University School of Management is looking for six, small to medium sized nonprofit organizations to participate in the second annual BU MBA Link Day, free of charge. The one-day workshop will be held **April 19, 2002**, and is designed to bring together nonprofits, MBA students, academics, and local professionals to analyze specific problems facing organizations and provide practical strategic solutions. If your organization would like to be considered for this event, fill out the survey at http://www.msalliance.org/forms/Jessie_LinkDay.pdf by **March 1, 2002**. For more information contact Miriam Abramson at MiriamA@bu.edu or 617-731-2673.

"Fear No More: Stop Violence Against Women" This is an original documentary that will air on Lifetime Television on **February 25, 2002**. It features four personal accounts of women who ended the violence in their lives.

"The Price of Illicit Drugs: 1981 Through the Second Quarter of 2000" This report presents trends in the price and purity of cocaine, heroin, and methamphetamine, as well as the price of marijuana unadjusted for THC content. http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/publications/pdf/price_illicit.pdf

"Networking the Land: Rural America in the Information Age" presents ten stories discussing how rural communities are using telecommunications and information technologies to develop local economies, manage natural resources, and improve access to education, health care, social services, and the arts. www.ntia.doc.gov/top.

"Network Technologies in Hispanic-Serving Organizations" The report contains four case studies and evaluations of four information technology programs designed to serve Hispanic-Americans and other underserved populations. www.trpi.org/publications.html.

"2002 National Health Observances" This calendar lists selected health observances for 2002. Community groups and teachers can use these special times to sponsor health promotion events, stimulate awareness of health risks, or focus on disease prevention. <http://www.health.gov/NHIC/Pubs/>

"Justice Expenditure and Employment in the United States, 1999" This report provides selected data from the Census Bureau's Annual General Finance and Employment Surveys. Data presented include police protection, judicial and legal services, and corrections expenditure and employment for Federal, State, and local governments in 1999 and national trend data for 1982 to 1999. <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/jeeus99.pdf>

BJS Key Facts at a Glance charts:

"Expenditure and Employment" <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/glance.htm#Expenditures>

"1999 Justice Expenditure and Employment Extracts" <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/selected>

"Trends in Justice Expenditure and Employment" <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/e&e>

Anti-Terrorism Resources

"Closing the Barn Door: Police Counterterrorism After 9-11 From the Analyst's Perspective" in *Crime Mapping News* Discusses how the crime analyst can contribute to counterterrorism efforts through investigation, prevention, and emergency operations. <http://www.policefoundation.org>

"Countering Biological Terrorism in the U.S.: An Understanding of Issues and Status" <http://www.oceanalaw.com/default.asp>

"Chemical and Biological Terrorism: Research and Development to Improve Civilian Medical Response" <http://www.nap.edu/books/0309061954/html/index.html>

"Center for the Study of Bioterrorism and Emerging Infections" www.bioterrorism.slu.edu

"Department of Transportation, Office of Hazardous Materials Safety" <http://hazmat.dot.gov>

"National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO)" (Bioterrorism site) <http://www.naccho.org/project63.cfm>

"National Emergency Management Association" www.nemaweb.org

"Office for Domestic Preparedness" <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/odp/ta/training.htm>

“United for a Stronger America: Citizens’ Preparedness Guide” <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ojpcorp/cpg.pdf>

“DefenseLink” <http://www.defenselink.mil>

Web Sites

Casa Myrna Vazquez, Inc. is a community-based, multicultural organization dedicated to the eradication of violence against women and children. It is New England’s largest domestic violence prevention and intervention organization, and programs and services include 24-hour access to emergency services **statewide**. <http://www.casamyrna.org/>

Contact Information

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